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SUBJECT: 59TH UNGA: UPDATED SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION

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[1](#)1. On September 15, Mission received an update list of Sri Lankan government officials planning to attend the 59th UN General Assembly. That updated attendance list is provided below:

[A](#). ATTENDANCE OF HEAD OF STATE

-- H.E. the President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga
-- President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
-- Arrival and Departure will be provided later
-- Whether official will present for General Debate: Yes
-- Whether interpretation would be required in Bilateral meetings: to be informed later. (Note: The President speaks excellent English.)

-- Mr. W.J.S. Karunaratne, Secretary to the President

-- Mr. H.W. Peiris, President's Spokesman and Director General of the Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconciliation

-- Mr. Eric Fernando, Director-General of the President's Media and Policy Research Unit

-- Mr. L.R.A. Perera, Assistant Secretary to the President

-- Mrs. Nedra de Tissera, Personal Staff of the President

[C](#). ATTENDANCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER

-- Hon. Lakshman Kadirgamar, P.C.M.P.
-- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka
-- Spouse will travel to New York: Yes. Mrs. Kadirgamar Suganthie Wijesuriya will be accompanying
-- Arrival and Departure will be provided later
-- Whether official will present for General Debate: Yes
-- Whether interpretation would be required in Bilateral meetings: to be informed later. (Note: The FM's English is excellent.)

-- Dr. A.R. Perera P.C., Ambassador, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Alternate Representative)

-- Mr. R.K.W. Gunasekera, Chancellor / University of Peradeniya, Member of the Advisory Committee for Constitutional Reforms (Advisor)

-- Mrs. Manel Abeysekera, President, Consortium Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Advisor)

-- Mr. M.R.K. Lenagala, Assistant Director / Personal Assistant to Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Advisor)

-- Ms. Mahishini Colonne, Assistant Director / United Nations and Multilateral Affairs Division Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Advisor)

-- Mr. Thushara Rodrigo, Assistant Director / United Nations and Multilateral Affairs Division Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Advisor)

[E](#). ATTENDANCE OF OTHER VIPS

-- Hon. Anura Bandaranaike, M.P., Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment Promotion

-- Hon. Berty Premala Disanayake, Chief Minister/North Central Province

-- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, M.P., Deputy Minister of Healthcare, Nutrition & Uva Wellassa Development

-- Hon. Dilan Perera, M.P., Deputy Minister of Ports and Aviation

-- Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Secretary General, Secretariat for Co-ordinating the Peace Process and Senior Advisor to H.E. the President

12. The notes closes by stating that the departure and arrival information will be provided later. During a September 15 conversation with the Ambassador, Foreign Minister Kadirgamar indicated that both he and President Kumaratunga would arrive in New York on September 19 on separate flights from London.

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